

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed on August 18, 2004 has been carefully considered. Claims 1-19 were previously canceled. Claims 68-75 are canceled by this amendment. Claims 20-67 are pending in the application with claims 20 and 57 being the only independent claims.

In the Office Action mailed August 18, 2004, claim 68 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by JP '959 and claims 69-75 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over JP '959.

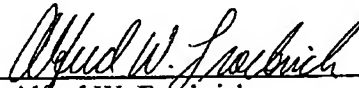
Claims 20-67 were found to be allowable. In view of the allowable subject matter, claims 68-75 are canceled. Since the pending claims 20-67 were found to be allowable, the application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is requested.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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